

Minutes of the ACTC Council
Tuesday 25th April 2023 19:00hrs via Microsoft Teams.

1. Introduction.
2. Attendees and Apologies.

Name	Committed Role or Club	Committee Role	Attended	Apologies
Pete Hart	Bristol MC	Vice Chair	Y	
Mal Allen	Bristol Pegasus			Y
Alan Keat	Camel Vale MC		Y	
Ian Cundy	Camel Vale MC		Y	
Michael Leete	Dellow Register			Y
Charles Knifton	Eastwood			Y
Stuart Bartlett	Eastwood		Y	
Geoff Westcott	Exmoor Motor Club			Y
Ian Facey	Holsworthy MC		Y	
Andrew Rippon	Launceston		Y	
Joe Caudle	Launceston			
Dave Middleditch	Falcon MC		Y	
Lee Peck	MCC		Y	
Adrian Tucker-Peake	MG Car Club		Y	
Bill Bennett	MG Car Club			
Jonathan Toulmin	Midland Auto Club		Y	
Norton Selwood	Minehead MC	Publicity Officer	Y	
Alan Foster	Morgan Sports Car Club			
Chris Barham	North Devon MC	Motorcycle Co-ordinator	Y	
John Bartham	North Devon MC		Y	
Neil Forrest	Ross & Dist MC		Y	
Stuart Harrold	Ross & Dist MC			Y
Ben Giles	Stroud & District MC		Y	
Paul Brooks	Windwhistle MC	Treasurer	Y	
Andy Webb	Woolbridge MC			
Stewart Green	Woolbridge MC		Joined 8pm	
Andrew Knightly-Brown		Rights of Way Officer	Y	
Keith Sanders	Torbay MC	Secretary	Y	
Dave Haizelden	Torbay MC	Chairman	Y	
James Shallcross		Website Manager		Y
Pat Toulmin		Restart Editor	Y	
Simon Woodall		President		Y
Jack Selwood		Tyre Officer	Y	

3. Minutes of the Virtual Meeting August 2022
 Accuracy and acceptance
Proposed by Ben Giles (Stroud), Seconded by Paul Brooks (Windwhistle)
4. **Election of President:**
 - 4.1 President. Simon Woodall re-elected Nem Con.
Proposed by Adrian Tucker-Peake (MGOC), Seconded Jonathan Toulmin (MAC)

4.2 Vice Presidents. No Nominations

5. **Election of Officers:**

- 5.1 Chairman. David Haizelden
- 5.2 Vice Chairman. Pete Hart
- 5.3 Secretary. Keith Sanders
- 5.4 Treasurer. Paul Brooks
- 5.5 Champ. Secretary. John Bell
- 5.6 Class 7 Coordinator. Pete Hart
- 5.7 Rights of Way Officer. Andrew Knightly-Brown (but would like then to stand-down).
- 5.8 Championship Monitor. (function covered via Facebook questionnaire)

All re-elected Nem Con.

Proposed by Adrian Tucker-Peake (MGOC), Seconded Jonathan Toulmin (MAC)

6. **Other Officers elected.** (to be appointed at the meeting)

- 6.1 Motorcycle coordinator. Chris Barham
- 6.2 Restart Editor. Pat Toulmin
- 6.3 Website Manager. James Shallcross
- 6.4 Scrutineering Officer. Vacancy
- 6.5 Award Evening Organizing Team. Vacancy
- 6.6 Tyre Officer. Jack Selwood
- 6.7 Publicity Officer. Norton Selwood (Clare Tonkin to assist)

All re-elected Nem Con.

Proposed Ben Giles (Stroud & Dist) Seconded Neil Forrest (Ross & Dist)

7. **Financial Update.**

Paul Brooks

7.1 2022 Accounts

Paul talked the group through the report covering 2022 and outlook for 2023 which looks similar. 2022 Accounts are now with Accountants, will be voted to accept at next meeting.

7.2 2023 Summary to date Covered in 7.1

7.3 Review of Bike Membership fee for 2024 onwards

DH Proposed Bike annual membership fee of £5, this will cover Awards and Engraving.

DH Proposed that u26 to pay membership from 2024 onwards

Both items to be voted at next meeting.

8. **Motorsport UK Trials Committee**

Pete Hart

National Competition Rules (NCR's) to replace the Blue Book from 2024

Regulations not changed but format is significantly different. Draft NSR's back with MSUK and are expected to be circulated to Clubs in a few months.

Clubs must note that all Regs will need to be updated with new NCR numbering system.

MSUK Master Agreement with Forestry England finally been signed. Will be as expected and more complicated and expensive for Trials as it's now carries similar process to a Rally.

Some papers are included in the ROW papers which were sent with this meeting Agenda.

Online system will not be working until mid-2024. Any Trials before will need Paper Forms via Andrea at MSUK.

9. **Technical Committee**

Pete Hart

Tyre Guidance was updated earlier this year for more clarity, latest copy on ACTC Website.

10. **ACTC 40th Anniversary**

Dave Haizelden/Pete Hart

Booking confirmed at Padbrook Part at Cullompton for Saturday 16th March 2024 with capacity for 70 guests.

Plan to make this a special occasion to mark the anniversary with invites to past Championship winners.

11. **Club Raised Discussion Items**

11.1 **Launceston & NCMC – Central set of core Standing Regulations**

There was general agreement this would help consistency and help avoid any new or amended items being missed. SW happy for Clee Hills Regs to be used as the basis of Generic Regs as he has to do this anyway being the first ACTC Full Championship event of the Calendar each year.

11.2 **NDMC & Motorcycle Co-ordinator – Class C 18” Tyres**

Chris Barham

The proposal to amend the wording to “Class C machines using 18 rear wheels must use trials tyres unless the fitment of such does not meet manufacturers recommended tyre specifications” was accepted.

11.3 **Camel Vale MC – Hitting Markers Counting as a Failure**

Alan Keat

Discussion around the inconsistency of hitting a marker being a failure or not, across different events.

AK gave some background on feedback from Marshalls not being sure if Markers counted.

Some competitors stopped prior to hitting a marker, others plough through regardless.

DH replied that individual Clubs need to be clear and inform competitors and Marshalls.

BG – ACTC are running the Championship so especially important on Championship Events.

MP – On Northern they printed a laminated double-sided A6 for Marshalls. Torbay and Clee Hills also do this.

DM – for championship events it should be consistent.

JT – Puts a big onus on needing more Marshalls so they are close enough to judge if marker hit or not.

BG – Should Restart Boards count for all Classes or just those Restarting, consensus was that they define the route for all.

PH explained in more detail that Clubs have different views so getting consistency hard. The only “authority” ACTC has would be to remove an Event from Championship and no one wants to do this!

It's not Blue Book issue as Markers are defined in T.1.3.13, T.2.1 exempts Classic Trials from T.1.3.13 so therefore T.6.4.1 (touching markers) does not apply to Classic Trials. Classic Trial sections are defined in T8.1.7. Markers are not required.

(Blue Book References added post-meeting).

AKB – this problem goes away if Competitors read the Regs and Marshalls are given guidance.

AK – having heard the discussion agrees that Communication is key, to Competitors and Marshalls.

ATP suggests as well as defining in the Regs it could be included in the Route Card.

There was widespread agreement on these last three comments and there was consensus at this should be the way forward.

11.4 **Stroud & Dist MC - Restart Procedure Guidelines**

Ben Giles

DH - MCC are the largest Club, and provide the most marshalls, and yet they have changed their Restart procedure multiple times this year already in terms of Roll Back and Time allowed. There is also the difference between Restart Box or Line.

DM - with MCC it's one individual, front or back wheels, each version of judgement has its own flaw. Decided to forget about RB providing line not crossed and box exited in 12 sec then ok.

ATP - supports the idea of guidance, suggests YouTube examples could be more useful than Written Instructions.

AKB – MCC differs from ACTC as during MCC typical 6hr period may not have same Marshall. Also judgements and some give and take is required depending on the conditions, such as being very strict on easy Restarts and a bit of tolerance for tough Restarts.

DH – there are too many different views to get an agreement therefore it should remain down to the Clubs to deal with as appropriate and ensure Marshalls and Competitors are properly informed.

11.5 **Clee Hills Trial Report**

Jonathan Toulmin

This Trial has run in various formats and different Clubs since 1947 and from 1980 as a Classic Reliability Trial under VWOC with Simon Woodall as CofC to 1992, then JT as CofC with M.A.C (with SW also stepping back in for some events) 2023 is JT's the 30th year and over this period 127 different Sections have been used.

The last two years have however been very stressful so JT stepping back. SW doesn't want to CofC under MAC. MAC would like to acknowledge gratitude to SW for the huge effort he's put into these events over the years.

MAC Currently looking for another Club to Host this Trial for 2024 onwards for them. If not successful then there's an option for SW to run the Clee Hills under the umbrella of another Club. JT urging MAC Chairman to decide quickly (few months) as this is needed before SW can take further.

12. **Championship**

Keith Sanders/John Bell

12.1 2023 Championship Tables noted.

12.2 2023 Event Calendar

- ACTC Meeting to be Tues 29th Aug.
- NF reported the Kyrle arrangements are progressing ok.
- AK is confident of running a Trial on the Cardinham date but format of Trial not yet clarified.

12.3 2024 Event Calendar

Northern Trial is unlikely to run again unless more alternative Sections can be found. Camel Heights may like to move to 3rd March if possible with landowner, tbc.

2024 Calendar accepted subject to the following.

- April ACTC Meeting moved to Tuesday 23rd April
- August ACTC Meeting moved to Tuesday 27th August
- Mechanics Trial move to Sunday 17th November

12.4 Regional Championships –

Will cease with exception of North Region which will continue with Trophy managed by John Bell.

Other Trophies to be re-purposed for the new Westcott League.

13. **Rights of Way Officer report.** Andrew Knightley-Brown
Papers circulated with the Agenda, nothing further to report.
14. **Motorcycle Coordinator's Report** Chris Barham
CB summarized the ACU Permit RTA Insurance conditions of cover for 2023 which all Clubs have been notified about from ACU. Bike membership and Championships looking good.
15. **Restart – verbal report** Pat Toulmin
All going well, next issue well under way, nothing further to report. 25th May is cut-off date for contributions.
16. **Website** James Shallcross
JS given his apologies as he's currently unwell. He has asked for some help with keeping the Website content updated, DH to make some enquiries to seek a volunteer.
17. **Championship Quality & Publicity- verbal report** Norton Selwood
Unfortunate that the Northern couldn't run, other Events have run well and have been getting good entry levels.
Planning to have 40th Anniversary Stickers for 2024.
Clare Tonkin has offered to assist with Publicity role.
18. **A.O.B.**
PB proposed a new logo, suggest could have 40th Anniversary Sweatshirt
Myke Pocock extended his thanks to all those who've supported the Northern Trial, Competitors and Marshalls.
KS/DH to explore the possibility for September to have a meeting room with Hybrid eg mix of face-to-face and video conference.
19. **Date, Time & place of next ACTC AGM - Tuesday 29th Aug 2023.**